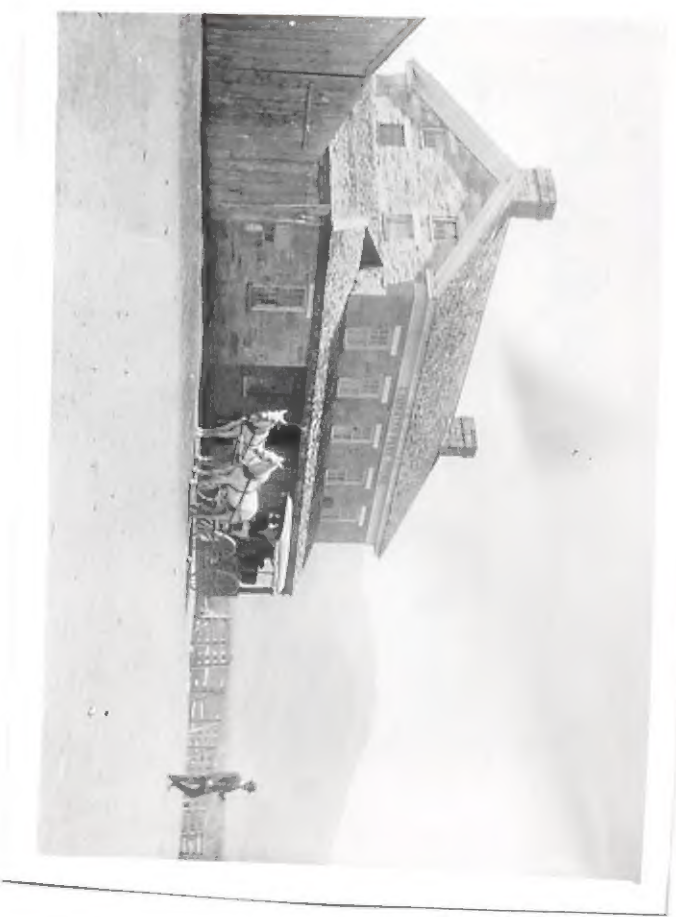
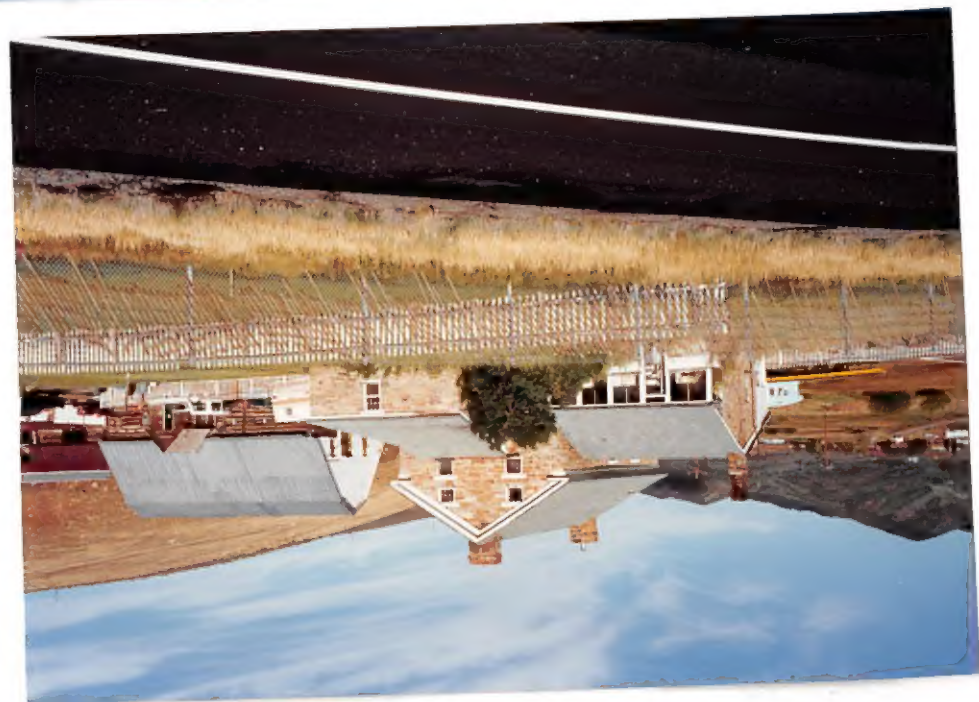
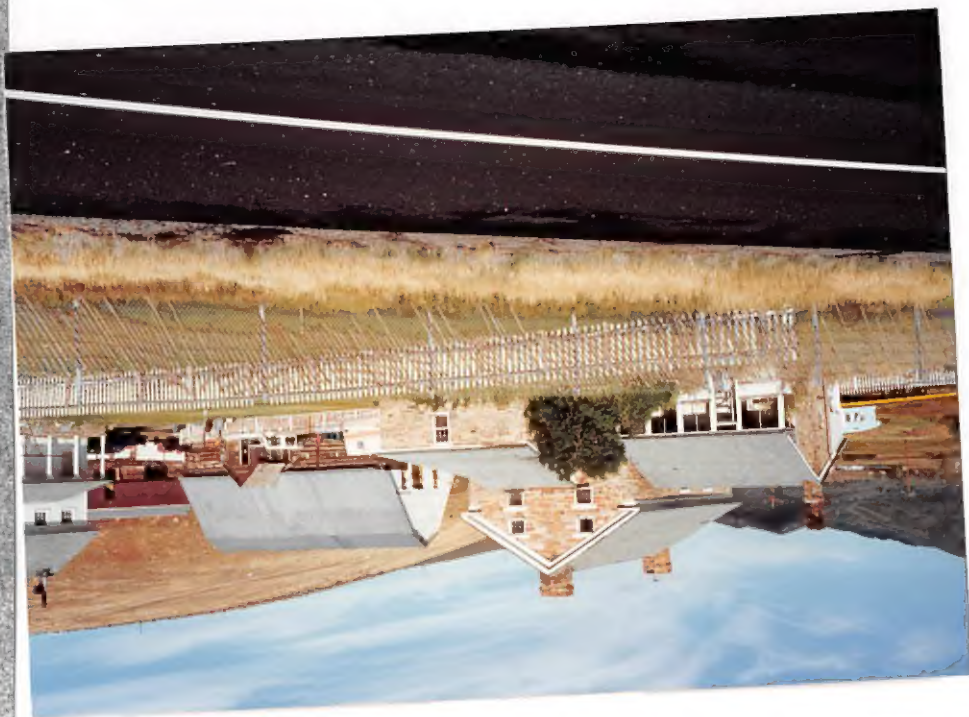
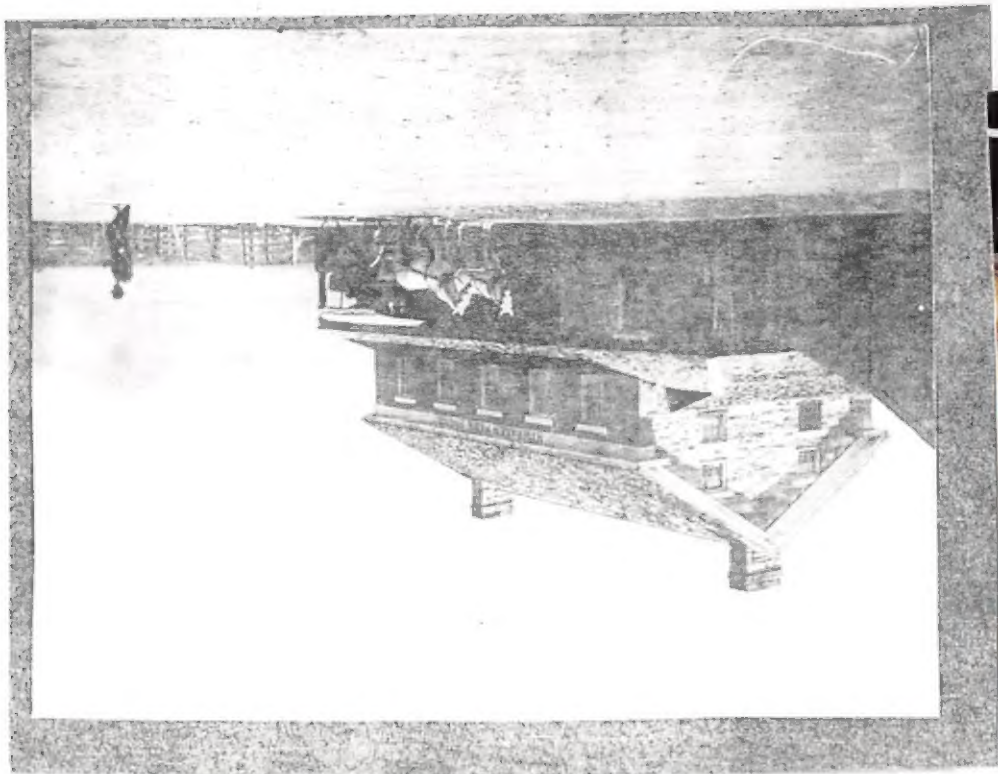


The Salt Lake House
East Main Street between 1st and 2nd South

*Silver Creek Junction
Pony Express Station*



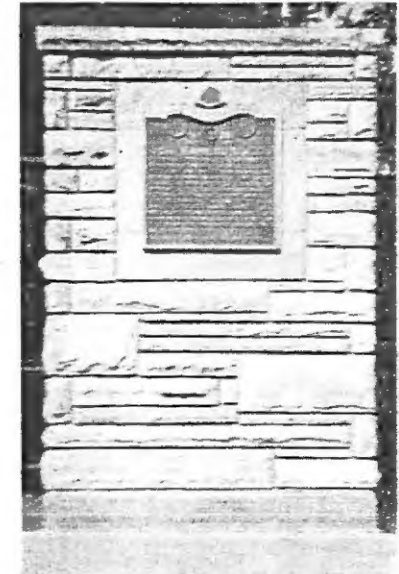


PONY EXPRESS STATION — NO. 259

The Pony Express Epoch began simultaneously April 3, 1860 with riders starting at St. Joseph, Missouri, and San Francisco, California. It was a 1,966 mile journey and reduced the time of transmitting news across the country from approximately 21 to 10 days. Nearly one hundred stations were established. This spot marks the first station south of Salt Lake City. It was a small adobe building known as Travelers' Rest. Here riders exchanged horses and received needed repairs, food, or lodging. With the inception of telegraph the Pony Express was abolished in October, 1861.

Pony Express Camp

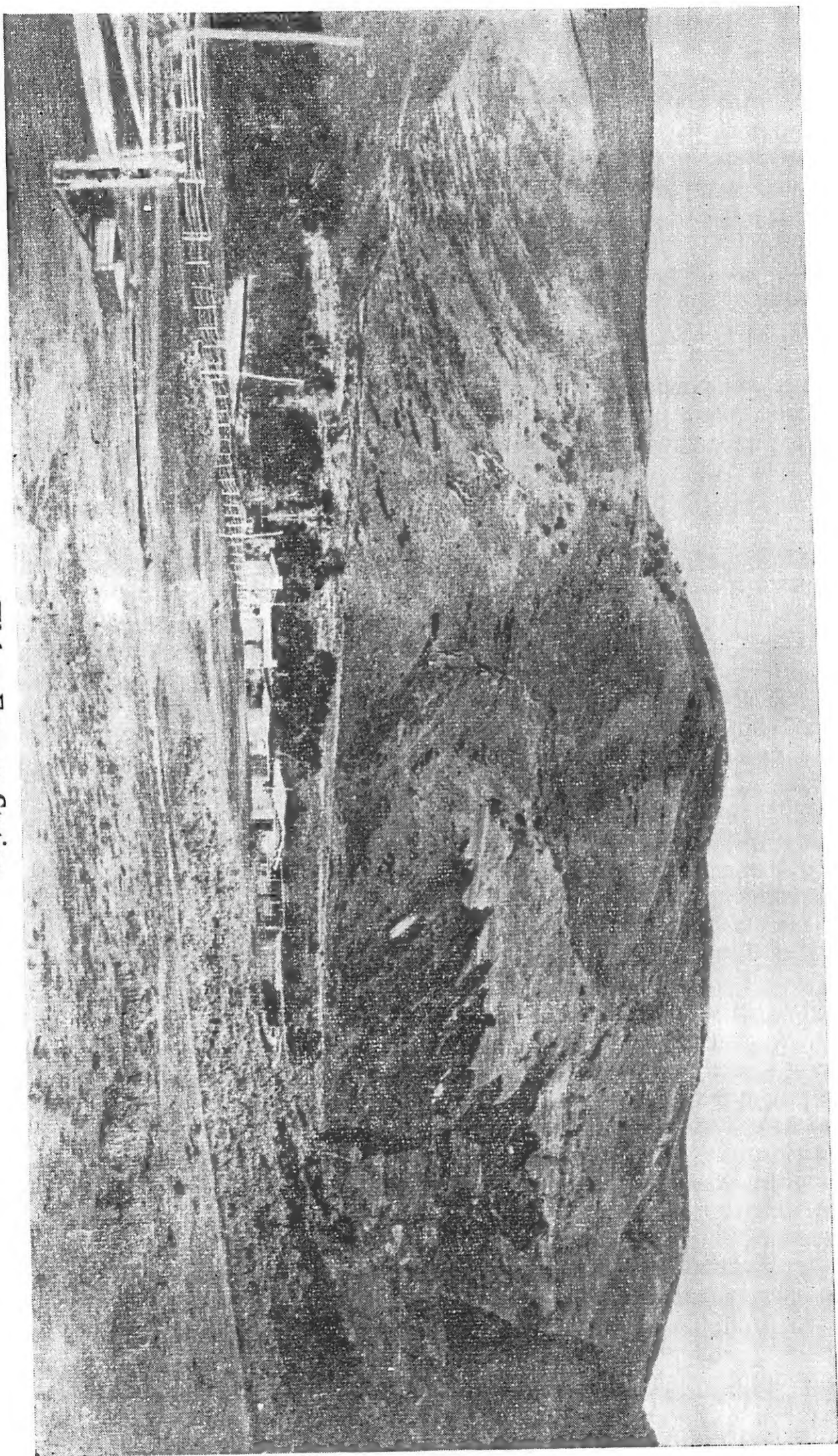
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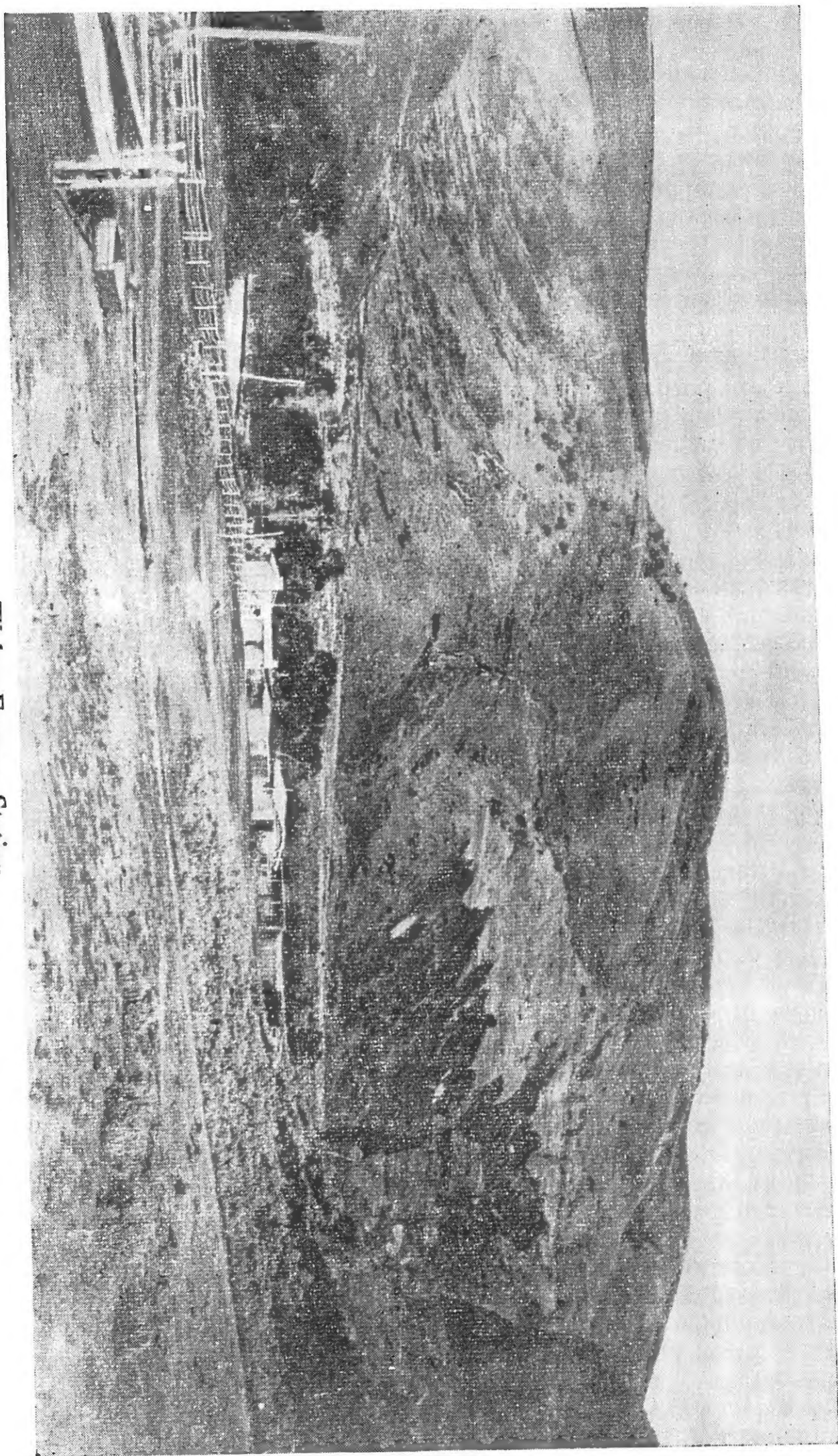
The stage stations already established were too far apart for horse travel, and so intermediate, or swing stations, were built between the home stations where the animals could be quickly exchanged. Each station had an overseer, stock tenders and a blacksmith shop for shoeing the horses. Extra ponies were always kept in readiness. The home stations were usually situated near a ranch or settlement. Since they were targets for Indian attacks, they were built as indestructible as possible with the limited materials available such as rocks, adobe or logs. In spite of all precautions many were burned to the ground during Indian uprisings.

The men chosen to man these stations were exceedingly courageous and possessed the ability to think and act quickly, since their job was perhaps the most dangerous on the route. More station men were killed than riders during the months of the Pony Express operations. The cost of food on the frontier was very high and most of it had to be freighted great distances. Hay and grain, besides being expensive at the point of shipment, cost as high as twenty-five cents a pound for transportation alone when delivered to the outlying Pony Express stations by ox teams. But for the enormous transportation business built by Russell, Majors & Waddell, the Pony Express would have been foredoomed to failure at the outset because of the difficulty and expense of securing supplies.

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers of the Pony Express Camp, South Salt Lake County, dedicated a beautiful monument on ground presented to them by Mr. and Mrs. David Bowen at 6460 South State.



Weber Express Station

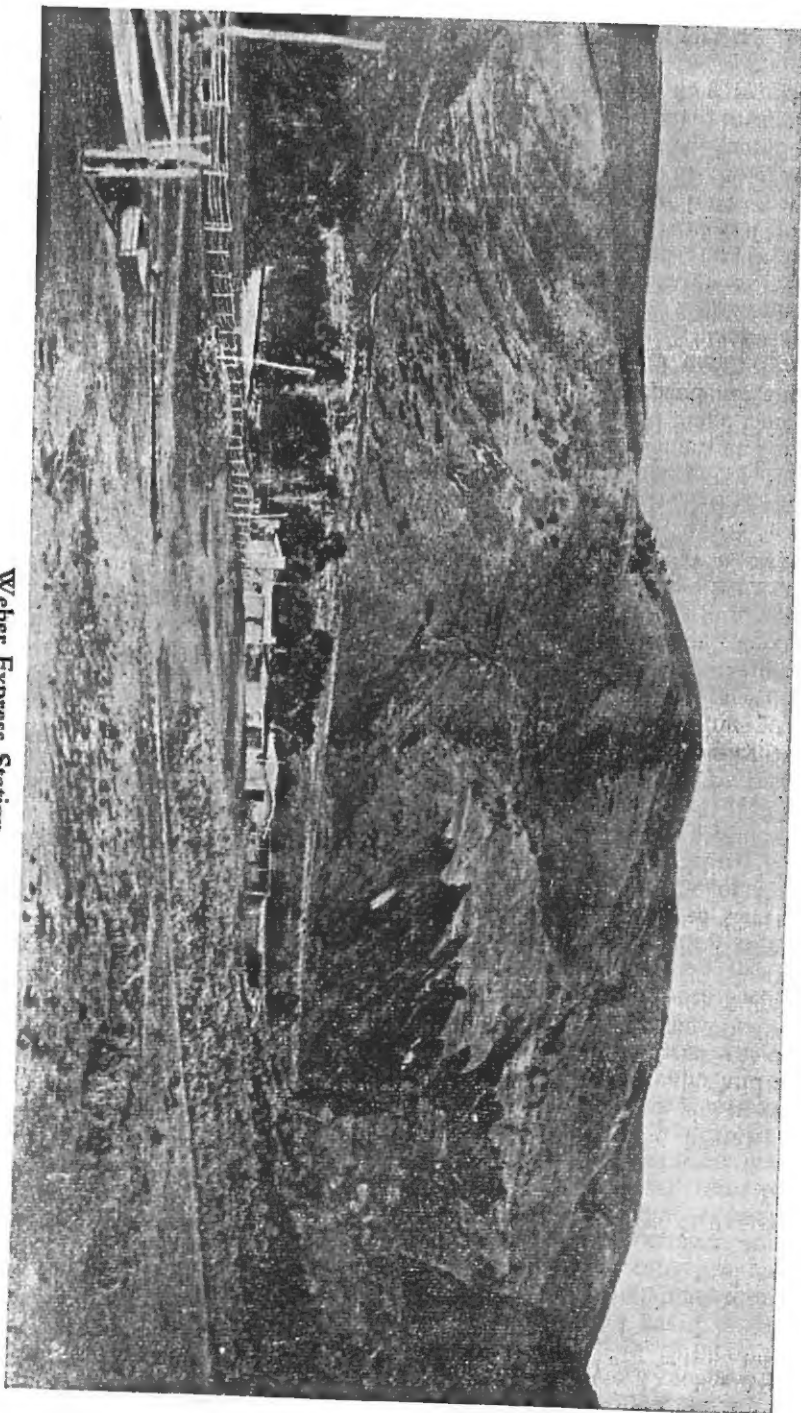


Weber Express Station

records: "April 7, 1860—We v
 evening, the station establish
 it happens, that these stations
 ence to what is called the 'Pony
 light letter mail is to be borne
 space of a week or ten days. I
 of the great canyon, is rudely c
 among the mountains; while co
 'pony' from the west, stands a
 only too eager to stretch his lim
 and groom whom we find withi
 impatient to get in motion than
 which is thus to be made across
 but deems his reputation and th
 animals themselves—directly inv
 "Towards five o'clock the boys,
 make, spurred on with the mules
 near the head of the Canyon—le
 liberate care. And I had become a
 for the second time I was roused
 time as the voice of a friend, but f
 succession of fierce articulations,
 shone upon my track! It being
 coming gradually hostile, with the
 me with such force as to leave
 indeed followed by warriors —
 somewhat of a race, selected my
 throw myself upon the ground, I
 my eye, for the first, caught fairl
 the express boy, whom we had l
 who, mounted upon his Kentucky
 along the path behind, swinging al
 the veritable Aborigine himself!
 my conductors in advance, catching
 they were, wheeled suddenly, and
 opposite direction, to the rescue
 Kentucky came up, glorious with
 sweeping past with no further rec
 tinned yells, was soon far up the
 selves, we soon greeted Dave at t
 to keep the wolves off—there Ken
 horse be taken. Dave laughed at o
 mail and all attached in a pocket, w

Mark Twain and Jack Slade
 The razing of the old Weber stage
 Westcott, pioneer Overland Stage
 more victories for Father Time in h
 marks, the daring Pony Express r
 carried the U. S. Mail across the plain
 Tom Riverton, a resident of Ge

Weber Express Station



Pony Express
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